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INFO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 5986

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SUBJ: HUTCHINSON KIDNAPPING

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 4248

1. I LEARNED OVER WEEKEND THAT BASIS OF PANAMANIAN DECISION TO ACCEPT KIDNAPPERS WAS STRONG PERSONAL APPEAL MADE TO GENERAL TORRIJOS BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER. LATTER NOTED HE HAD ASKED AND BEEN TURNED DOWN BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS. HE THEN ASKED TORRIJOS AS PERSONAL FAVOR TO AGREE TO ACCEPT TERRORISTS. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, TENSE SITUATION IN VENEZUELAN CONSULATE COULD NOT BE SOLVED AND DANGER TO HOSTAGES WOULD RISE STEADILY. AFTER CONSULTING CABINET AND OTHER ADVISERS, TORRIJOS AGREED. IT WAS CLEAR HE ACTED AS FRIENDLY GESTURE TO BALAGUER AND NOT OUT OF ANY SYMPATHY FOR KIDNAPPERS WHOSE ACTION HE DEPLORES.

2. BASED ON ABOVE, I HAD OPPORTUNITY DURING JUST COMPLETED ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS TO EXPRESS INFORMALLY TO TORRIJOS OUR RELIEF THAT POTENTIALLY TRAGIC SITUATION IN SANTO DOMINGO HAD BEEN RESOLVED WITHOUT BLOODSHED. I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO MAKE THIS EXPRESSION MORE FORMALLY, PERHPAS TO PRESIDENT LAKAS. I WOULD ALSO USE OCCASION TO TRY FIND OUT HOW PANAMA INTENDS TO HANDLE THE FUGITIVES FROM HERE ON AND URGE THEY CONTINUE UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE.

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3. I CONCUR HEARTILY WITH ESTIMATE BY AMBASSADOR
HURWITCH IN REF MESSAGE. I THINK HE SHOULD BY ALL MEANS
SEND WARM NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR
IN SANTO DOMINGO. WE ARE PREPARING SEPARATE STIREP
ON KIDNAPPERS BASED ON AVAILABLE INFO.
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